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Applicant(s): Yoichiro Tauchi et al.

Serial No. : 09/817,515

Filed : March 26, 2001

For : MAGNETIC TAPE RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD, MAGNETIC TAPE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM USED THEREWITH, AND FORMAT FOR MAGNETIC TAPE

Examiner : Nguyen, Huy Thanh

Art Unit : 2616



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— This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

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Total claims	9	Minus	20 =	0 x	\$50(25)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	6	Minus	7 =	0 x	\$200(100)	= 0.00
				Total additional fee for this amendment		\$0.00

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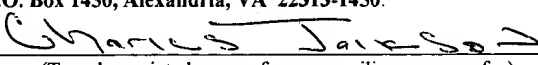
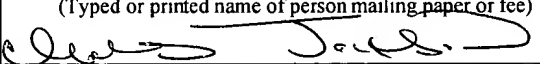
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005 having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on January 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.